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**Amendments to the Specification:**

*Please replace paragraph beginning on page 1, line 7, with the following amended paragraph:*

**CROSS-REFERENCES TO RELATED APPLICATIONS**

This application is being filed concurrently with related U.S. patent applications: ~~Attorney Docket Number 19281-000210~~ U.S. Patent Application Serial No. 09/687,142, filed on 10/12/00, entitled "VIDEO ON DEMAND SWITCHING SYSTEM"; ~~Attorney Docket Number 19281-000700~~ U.S. Patent Application Serial No. 09/687,138, filed on 10/12/00, entitled "LOCAL NEAR VIDEO ON DEMAND STORAGE"; ~~Attorney Docket Number 19281-000800~~ U.S. Patent Application Serial No. 09/687,157, filed on 10/12/00, entitled "LOCAL STORAGE OF ~~LINEARLY SCHEDULED~~ PROGRAMS"; ~~Attorney Docket Number 19281-000900~~ U.S. Patent Application Serial No. 09/687,149, filed on 10/12/00, entitled "PROGRAMMING DISTRIBUTION SYSTEM"; ~~Attorney Docket Number 19281-001000~~ U.S. Patent Application Serial No. 09/687,148, filed on 10/12/00, entitled "PROGRAMMING DISTRIBUTION AND NOTIFICATION SYSTEM"; ~~Attorney Docket Number 19281-001100~~ U.S. Patent Application Serial No. 09/687,139, filed on 10/12/00, entitled "METHOD FOR PROVIDING PROGRAMMING DISTRIBUTION"; ~~Attorney Docket Number 19281-001200~~ U.S. Patent Application Serial No. 09/687,140, filed on 10/12/00, entitled "METHOD FOR AUTHORIZING LIMITED PROGRAMMING DISTRIBUTION"; and ~~Attorney Docket Number 19281-001300~~ U.S. Patent Application Serial No. 09/687,877, filed on 10/12/00, entitled "MULTIPLEXED DIGITAL CHANNEL STORAGE"; all of which are incorporated herein by reference.